

S-288  
Hopewell M.E. Church  
Hopewell  
public worship

1891

The Hopewell M.E. Church is similar in date and architectural detail to Waters Chapel and Frogeye Church, two contemporary black Methodist churches that stand in southern Somerset County. The ell-shaped frame building was designed as the other buildings with a corner tower entrance topped by a belfry and spire. Although the spire and belfry have been removed, the tripartite windows are an especially noteworthy vernacular interpretation of a formal Gothic Revival design feature. The north side is marked by an off-center three-sided bay window lighted by four over four sash windows.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hopewell M.E. Church

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number Old Crisfield - Marion Road (MD 667) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hopewell ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___ private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Hopewell M.E. Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code Md. 21817

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hopewell M.E. Church is located on the west side of the Old Crisfield-Marion Road, .25 of a mile north of its intersection with MD. Route 413. The ell-shaped frame church faces east.

Dated 1891, the single-story weatherboard frame church rests on a brick pier foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof with extended eaves. A tower rises in the front, or east corner.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a centralized entrance tower. A large ~~double door~~ <sup>Gothic-arched double door</sup> entrance with corresponding screened doors pierces the front wall of the tower. The tower has been reduced in height, and it appears the bellfry has been removed. Located to the left or south of the entrance is a single colored glass lancet window and to the right (north) is the main tri-partite sanctuary window. Similar to several other windows in the general area, this Gothic-arched opening is comprised of three narrow lancet windows. Fixed above the three lancet windows are the smaller polygonally shaped sections that fill the top portion of the arch. This gable-front elevation has extended and slightly decorative bargeboards with simple corner brackets. The datestone is located in the lower left brick pier.

The north elevation is also asymmetrical arranged with a west-of-center bay window covered by a three-sided roof. The bay is lighted by three 4/4 sash windows. A narrow lancet window and brick ~~stone~~ <sup>stone</sup> stack are features that distinguish the east side of the north elevation.

The west facade is an even wall surface with a large tri-partite window lighting the sanctuary and a single lancet window that marks the right (south) wall surface. A stuccoed brick stack rises from the roof slope. The eaves are detailed in the same manner.

The south gable end has a ~~brick~~ tri-partite colored-glass window, decorative bargeboards, and plain corner brackets.

The interior was not seen, but is appeared to be relatively intact.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1891 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hopewell M.E. Church is similar in date and detail to Waters Chapel and Frogeye Church, two contemporary black Methodist churches. Although the bell tower has been reduced in size, the exterior and interior appear essentially unaltered. The tri-partite gable end windows are an especially noteworthy vernacular interpretation of an academic Gothic Revival architectural feature.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Marion

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title

organization

date

street & number

telephone

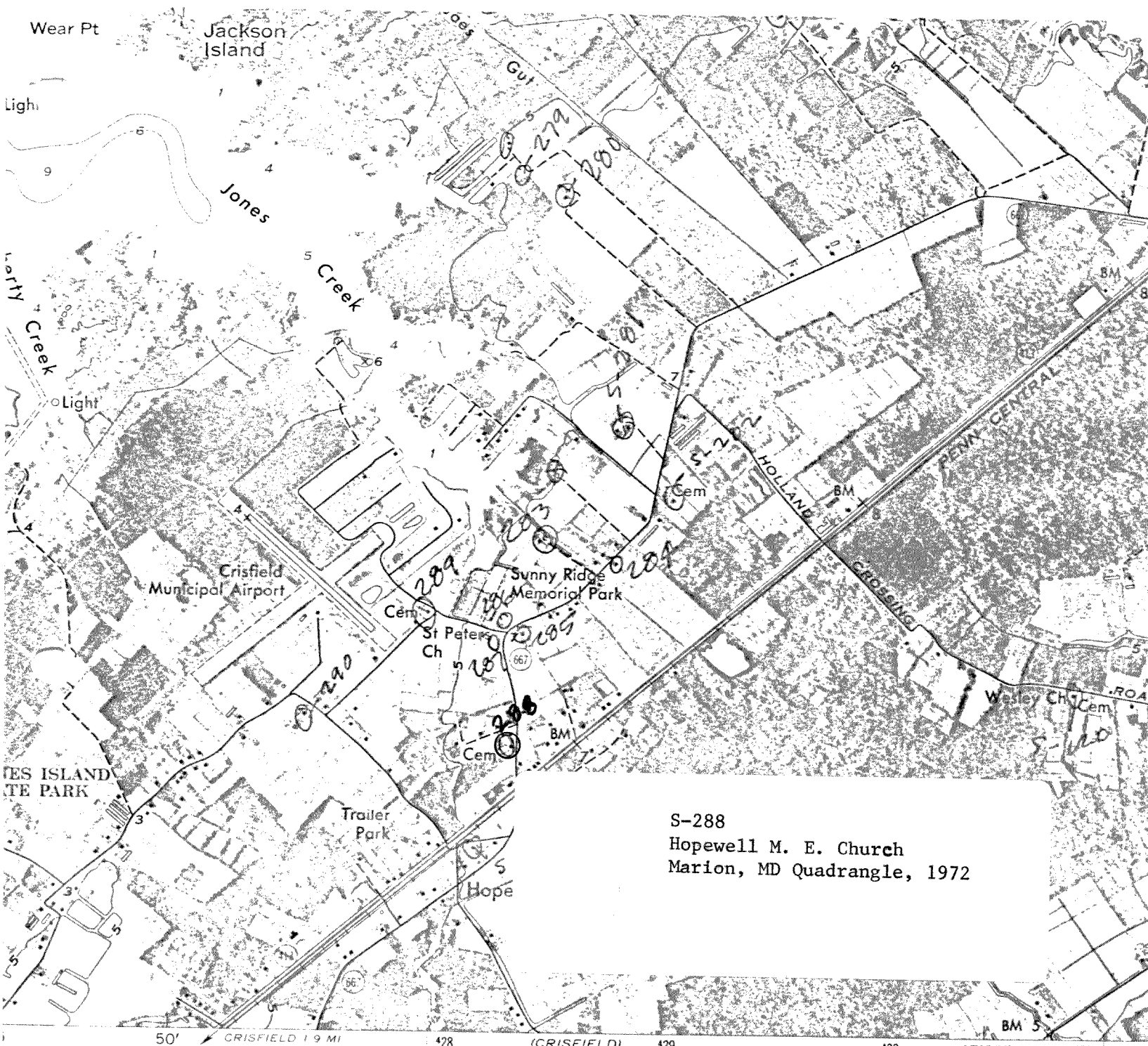
city or town

state

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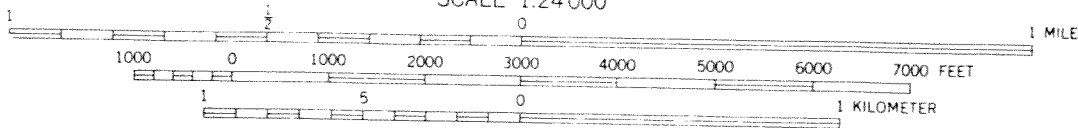
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Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972

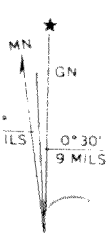
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET



1972 MAGNETIC NORTH  
AT CENTER OF SHEET

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QUADRANGLE



Hopewell M.E. Church  
Near Hopewell, Somerset County  
Sanctuary Window  
East Elevation  
Photographer-Paul Touart 4/85

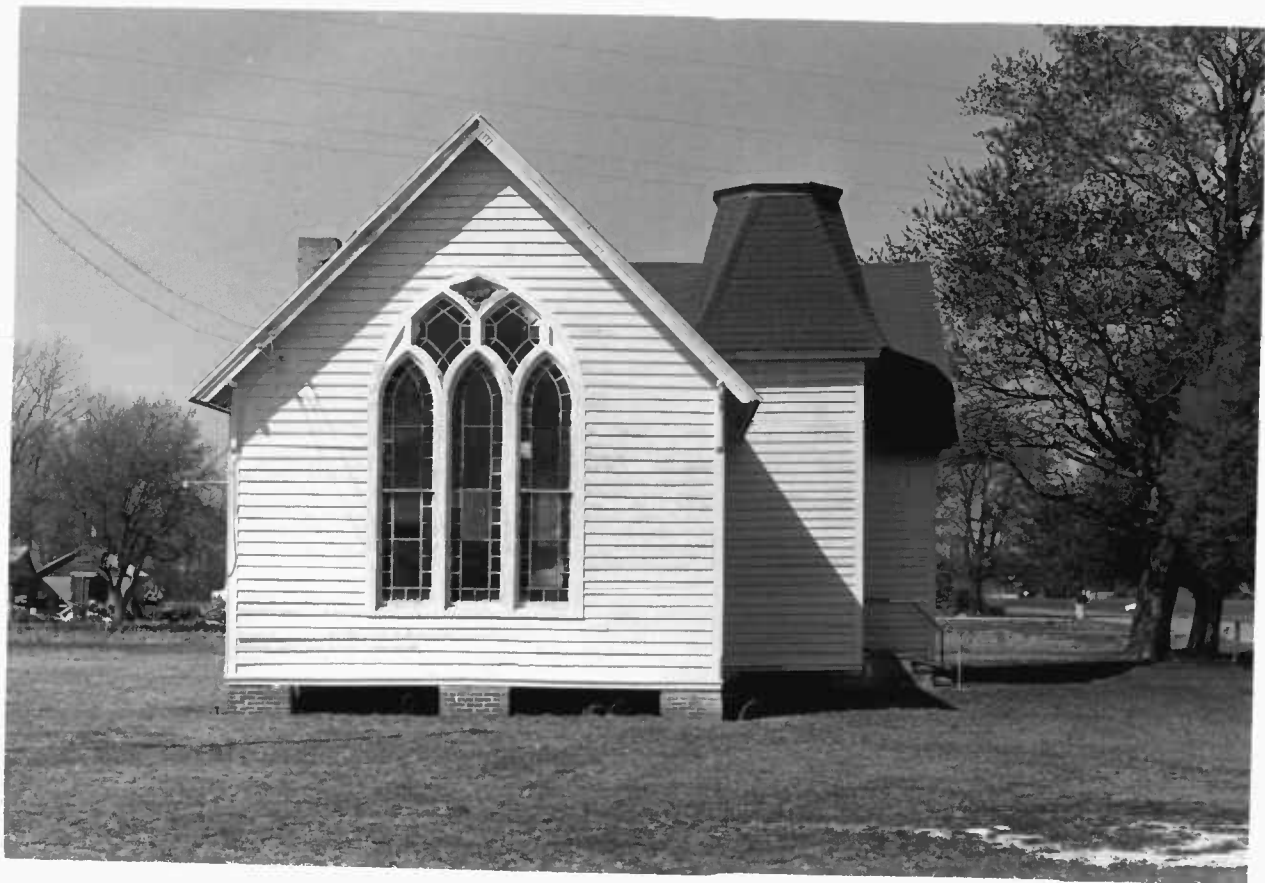
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